

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

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1.

QFF has partnered with [Airbnb](#) and [Regionality](#) to design a new regulatory framework for rural land to unlock Queensland's potential as the nation's agritourism capital. The Unlocking Queensland's agritourism potential – Discussion paper proposes a sliding scale of regulation to boost rural economies. Read the discussion paper [HERE](#).

2.

Queensland and New South Wales farmers could win one of two \$500 discounts off their energy bills for participating in a [research study](#) aiming to better understand how they consider and choose electricity tariffs for their agricultural operations. Get involved [HERE](#).

3.

While Queensland's agricultural sector has an established history of managing its waste streams effectively, illegal dumping on public and private land has caused ongoing issues for landholders. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

4.

Join the QFF [Energy Savers](#) team and guest host Manfred Nuestifter, CEO of Fluxpower for a webinar on the 17th of February at 12pm. Learn about the Fluxpower

dashboard and how it monitors energy consumption, cost and carbon intensity in real time. Register [HERE](#).

5.

The last week brought with it a couple of important milestones in terms of an improved outlook for labour availability, for the entire economy, not just horticulture. First, Prime Minister Morrison announced visa charges would be rebated for incoming international students and working holiday makers. Read the additional milestones from [Growcom](#) [HERE](#).

6.

Dairy farms in central Queensland were impacted by recent flooding to varying severity with farm roads washed away, irrigation systems damaged and fences taken down or caught with debris. Flood water also affected some of our hay and crop producing farmers with paddocks inundated and crops waterlogged. Read more from [eastAUSmilk](#) [HERE](#).

7.

QFF industry member [Australian Cane Farmers Association](#) has launched a podcast to inform listeners about the sugar cane industry. In the latest episode, General Manager Stephen Ryan speaks to Brian O'Connell, Editor of Australian Sugarcane Magazine. Listen [HERE](#).

8.

Applications for round 2 of the [Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment's Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot](#) are open until 3 March. Farmers in the Fitzroy Basin who are willing to plant native trees, manage vegetation or regenerate waterways and hillsides, can apply now [HERE](#).

9.

The Queensland Government has begun public consultation on the establishment of an independent environmental regulator. Submissions will be used to inform future decisions around a potential independent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). For more information and to have your say by 6 February [HERE](#).

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A granular fertiliser plant at [Mort & Co's Grassdale Feedlot](#), is being commissioned with an annual production capacity of 20,000 tonnes and plans to increase it to 100,000t by early 2023. The move is believed to be a first for an Australian feedlot. Read more [HERE](#).



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